

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1135

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tommy Allen, on being selected to the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Allen is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen has recently been selected to be enshrined in the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, he will be inducted in a ceremony at the famed Opryland Hotel in Nashville on May 7; the formal affair will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> year that the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame has honored those educators who have exemplified excellence in teaching in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen will join the ranks for forty-six educators who have been previously inducted into the circle of honor, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle Tennessee State University and overseen by a Board of Governors that represents major educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gloria Bonner, Dean of the MTSU College of Education and Behavioral Science and Coordinator of the Hall of Fame ceremony, stated, "The Hall of Fame is a wonderful way for Tennesseans to honor those who have made exemplary contributions to the education profession and the lives of young people. This is an exciting opportunity for all of us to honor a group of very special Tennesseans, while at the same time enhancing the status of the teaching profession"; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Allen is wholly deserving of this honor, as he served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-nine exemplary years in the Tullahoma school system and is also a longtime member and Chairman of the Coffee County School Board; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously during his career to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen truly serves as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Allen truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Tommy Allen on being selected to the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, commend him for his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.